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A General View of the Conduct of the French *in* America, *and of our Settlements there.*

AT the Treaty of *Utrecht* it was agreed, that the Iſlands of *Tobago*, *St. Lucia*, *Domingo*, and *St. Vincent*, ſhould remain neuter, and that neither *England* nor *France* ſhould poſſeſs or plant them: But that Peace was ſcarce concluded when they gradually began to plant thoſe very Iſlands from *Martineco* and *Guardeloupe*, which we ſuffered them quietly to do.

In 1744 they declared War againſt *England*, and then had a Right to keep and fortify thoſe Iſlands, which they did; but in 1748 it was agreed, that the Treaty of *Utrecht* ſhould be the Baſis of that of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, and therefore thoſe Iſlands were ſtill to be neutral. *England* on her Part, evacuated *Cape Breton* in Conformity to the Treaty, and the ſame was expected on the Part of *France*; but to this Day thoſe Iſlands remain in their Poſſeſſion; where they are daily increaſing in Number of People. The *French* Conduct therefore in regard to thoſe Iſlands is unjuſt, and a direct Breach of the two Treaties; and if they are ſuffered to remain in their Hands, it will inevitably be attended with dangerous Conſequences, to *Antigua*, *Montſerrat*, *Nevis*, and *St. Chriſtopher's*, which are already much inferior in Numbers to thoſe of *Martineco*, *Guardeloupe*, and *Grandterre*: Therefore in a future War, we may probably be diveſted of thoſe four of our Iſlands.

As to *Nova-Scotia*; it was agreed, that Commiſſioners be appointed by both Parties, and that they ſhould meet at *Paris*, and ſettle the Line which ſhould divide our Part of *Nova-Scotia* from that Country which they claim; and which is bounded by the River *St. Laurence*. The Court of *England*, in Conſequence of this Agreement, ſent Meſſieurs *Mildmay* and *Shirley* to *Paris*: Conferences were frequently held between them and the *French* Commiſſioners, and our Commiſſioners finding that nothing was intended to be done after having been amuſed about two Years, grew heartily tired of *Paris*; particularly Mr. *Shirley*, who got Leave to return to *London*, and from thence to his Government of *New England*.

But what engroſſes the Attention at preſent, is their Invaſion of *Virginia*, in a profound Peace; and well it may, ſince that our Colonies on that Continent are of the utmoſt Importance.

Nova Scotia is a Country which has laid long neglected, but is capable of being made very conſiderable: Great Part of its Soil is very good, and wants only People to cultivate it, and produce every Kind of Corn which grows in *England*. The Country abounds in many Sorts of Timber, as Oak, Beech, Birch, Walnut, Fir, &c. ſo that they can build what Number of Ships they pleaſe; but the principal Thing that will make this Colony very conſiderable, is the Cod Fiſhery: They are within a Day or two's ſail of the Banks of *Newfoundland*; beſides many other Banks ſtill nearer to them. This Country lies in about 46 Degrees North, and is very cold; therefore great Quantities of the Woollen Manufactures in this Kingdom are demanded there: For which the Merchants in *London* and other Places order them to ſend Cod-Fiſh for their Account, to *Caillis*, *Liſbon*, *Bilboa*, &c. the neſt Proceeds of which comes to *England*. So that by this Trade you plant a Colony, increaſe your Number of Seamen, put off your Manufactures, and enrich yourſelves.

The next Colony is *New Hampſhire* and *Main*: This is alſo well known for its Fiſhery: But is moſt famous for the excellent Maſts and Yards that it furniſhes to the Royal Navy of *England*, which you could not get in ſuch Abundance, nor on ſuch Conditions, in any Country of the World; for they do not take a Guinea from you: But for all their Fiſh, Maſts, &c. you pay them in Goods.

The Province of *Maſſachuſetts*, or *New England*, comes next, of which *Boſton* is the Capital. It lies in 42 Degrees, has a large Sea Coaſt, and many very good Harbours: Its Climate is very good, and the Air much clearer than in *England*; their Soil is indifferent, producing Rye, Oats, Barley, *Indian* Corn, but no Wheat: They have excellent Paſture Land, and of Courſe good Proviſions. A principal Article of their Trade is Cod Fiſh, which they ſend to *Spain*, *Portugal*, *Italy*, &c. and the Whale Fiſhery is more conſiderable here than in any of the other Colonies: Their Ship-Building has been, and is more than in all the other Colonies: They carry on a great Trade to all the *Engliſh* Iſlands, *Jamaica*, *Barbados*, &c. as well as to the *Dutch*, *French*, and *Daniſh* Iſlands, in Fiſh, Horſes, Staves, Heading Boards, and other Lumber.

This Country has been ſettled about 130 Years, and is in many Parts of it as populous as *England*: There are in it many Hundreds of fine Towns, and *Boſton* is as large and much better built than *Briſtol*, or indeed than any other City in *England*, *London* excepted. From the Populouſneſs of this Country, it may eaſily be judged what Quantities of Manufactures are required there, all which are paid for in Fiſh, *via Spain* and *Portugal*, in building us Ships, in Oil, Pitch, Tar, and in Gold and Silver, which they draw from the Iſlands juſt mentioned, for Horſes, &c.

This Colony gave Peace to *Europe*; for it is well remembered what a Figure the Allies made in *Flanders* the late War: *France* carried every Thing before her, and nothing could check her Deſigns, till the Governor and Council of *Boſton* reſolved the Reduction of *Cape Breton*, laid an Embargo, beat up for Volunteers, inliſted 4000 Men, bought Arms, Proviſions, hired Tranſports, and ſailed in 40 Days after the Reſolution firſt taken. They took the Place, which greatly alarmed the *French* King, who then was in *Flanders*. A Congreſs was held about two Years after at *Aix la Chapelle*; What had we to offer *France* in Lieu of all her Conqueſts? Why, nothing but *Cape Breton*; and for her *Cape Breton* ſhe gave up all *Flanders*.

We come next to *Rhode-Iſland*, which is about the Size of the *Iſle of Wight*, and is cut off from the Continent by an Arm of the Sea, about Half a Mile over; on this Continent they have ſeveral Counties, of which *Warwick* and *Providence* are two, and *Narraganſet* a third. *Newport* is the Capital, and has an excellent Harbour; the Town is much bigger than our City of *Worceſter*, and contains three Times the Number of Inhabitants.

The principal Articles of their Trade are Horſes, Lumber, and Cheeſe; all the Goods they conſume they fetch from hence and from *Holland*; they trade with all the *Engliſh*, *Dutch*, *French*, and *Daniſh* Iſlands, as well as to the *Havannah*, whence they bring a great deal of Silver, every Dollar of which finds its Way to *London* to pay for our Manufactures; they alſo build very fine Ships, with which they do good Service in Time of War.

Travelling Weſtward we next come to *Connecticut*, which is a Colony that few People in *England* have heard of, and yet no Part of *England* has ſo many fine Market Towns, in many of which are from 3 to 500 Houſes; their Sea Coaſt extends about 150 Miles, through all which you have as good a Road as any in *England*, and ſo populous that you are never out of the Sight of Houſes; at every Diſtance of ten Miles a large Market Town, ſuch as *Stonington*, *New London*, *Saybrook*, *Killingſworth*, *Guilford*, *Brentford*, *Newhaven*, *Milford*, *Stratford*, *Fairfield*, *Norfolk*, *Stamford*, and others, moſt of which have good Harbours, and trade to the neighbouring Colonies, and the *Weſt India* Iſlands. They have ſeveral good Rivers, but the principal is that of *Saybrook*, which admits of Ships of Burthen about 50 Miles up; its Source is above 50 more: On this River ſtands *Hartford*, *Middletown*, *Wetherſfield*, and many other Towns, and neither of theſe contain leſs than 500 Houſes, beſides which there is in this Colony ſeveral Hundreds more.

The Soil of this Country is better than that of *Boſton*, and is productive of every Kind of *European* Corn, they have a great Plenty of black Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, and Horſes; and abound in every Neceſſary of Life. They have not any City or large capital Town in their Colony, ſo that their Trade is divided: That Part of the Country which lies convenient to *Boſton*, fetches Woollen Manufactures from thence; thoſe which lie near *New-York*, buy their Goods there, but ſome of them trade to *London* and *Briſtol*; the Conſumption of our Manufactures in this Country is very great, and the Product of all the Proviſions, Horſes, and Lumber, that they export to other Countries, comes to *London* for Goods.

The next Colony is *New-York*, the Settlement of which began about 130 Years ago. It is divided into ten Counties, three of which are on *Long Iſland*, which is 150 Miles long, and about 14 broad. There is not any Kind of Corn, Tree, Shrub, or Vegetable, produced in *England*, which is not found in greater Abundance in this Iſland. The black Cattle are innumerable; and for Horſes, no Country can compare with it. There are many large Market Towns on this Iſland, and every Part of it is very populous. They have three very large Regiments of well diſciplined Militia; one of Horſe Blue's. The North Side of the Iſland has many very fine Harbours. All their Trade is at *New-York*, which contains about 5000 Houſes, all of Brick and Stone; which in Shape excel the ſame Number in any Part of *London*, and their Town-Houſe is very little inferior to *Guild Hall*. Their Streets are better paved than thoſe of *London*. Moſt of their Trade is by Water Carriage. They have many fine Wharfs, ſo that Ships of 400 Tons may come up to them, and be always afloat. *Hudſon's* River, the Source of which is above *Albany*, and which is one of the largeſt Rivers in *America*, flows by their City, where it is above 3 Miles wide. On this River all the Corn and other Goods of the Counties of *Albany*, *Ulſter*, *Dutcheſs*, *Orange*, and *Wincheſter*, come down to *New York*: In this City are ſix large Markets, and none in *Europe* are ſupplied with Proviſions ſo good, ſo plentiful, and ſo cheap. It lies in 40 Degrees Latitude, being parallel with *Naples*, *Greece*, and *Aſia Minor*; which are as fine Countries as any in the World. Its Produce is Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats, *Indian* Corn, Peaſe, and all Kinds of Pulſe; excellent Paſturage, therefore black Cattle, Sheep, Horſes, Hogs, are in great Abundance. Every Sort of Timber which we have in *England*, and many Sorts which we have not, as Fir, Saſſafras, &c.

They have for many Years carried on a conſiderable Trade to *London* and other Ports of this Kingdom, as well as to *Spain*, *Portugal*, all *Italy*, *Africa*, and all the *Weſt India* Iſlands, and take ſeveral Hundred Pounds *per Annum* of our Manufactures; for which we are paid in Gold and Silver, which they receive from *Jamaica*, *Curaçoa*, *St. Euſtatia*, *St. Auguſtine*, and ſome from the *Spaniſh* Continent, or in Logwood, Nicarago, Brazalette, and many Thouſands *per Annum* in Beaver, and other Furs, Ships, and ſeveral other Articles.

We go on to *New-Jerſey*, moſt of which is a very level Country, and its Produce the ſame as that of *New-York*, and in great Abundance: They have ſeveral Rivers, but none of them deep. They have no Capital Town, ſo that their Trade is not collected. They have but very little foreign Trade; *New-York* is the principal Market for their Proviſions; and ſupplies them with *Engliſh* Goods. This Colony was unfortunately granted to a certain Number of Proprietors; who often had Diſputes about the Diviſions of the Lands; ſo that Titles were precarious, which diſcouraged People from ſettling it; but within theſe 25 Years paſt, it is become very proſperous, and very populous.

Pennſylvania lies in about 39 Degrees Latitude. Its Product is the ſame in every particular as that of *New-York*, and full as abundant. This Colony

lony is divided into ſeveral Counties, and is full of People; for in the latter End of Queen *Anne*'s Reign the *Palatines* firſt found their Way thither, and they encouraged their Friends throughout the *German* Empire to come over to them. There have gone only from the Port of *Rotterdam*, from 4 to 8000 *Palatines* to *Pennſylvania* per Annum, from that Time to this; beſides may *Engliſh*, *Scots*, and *Iriſh*. *Philadelphia* is the Capital; it contains 5000 Houſes, and for its Bigneſs, is as fine a City as any on the Globe. Its Streets are all laid out in a Line, ſo that ſtanding in the Center, you may ſee four different Ways from one End of the City to the other. The Houſes are well built, their Town Houſe elegant, and their Market-Place equal to any in *Europe*. The City ſtands between two navigable Rivers. The Inhabitants trade to moſt Parts of *Europe*, *Africa*, and *America*, and all the *American* Iſlands. They carry on a conſiderable Trade particularly to *London* and *Briſtol*, taking off vaſt Quantities of Woollen and other Manufactures, for which they pay in the ſame Manner as *New-York*.——There has been lately an Academy erected in the Capital City, which has made a ſurprizing Progreſs.

The next Colony is *Maryland*, of which Lord *Baltimore* is Proprietor: But whatever be the Cauſe, it is thinly inhabited. It is a very fruitful Country, and produces very good Wheat, and other *European* Corn, and a great deal of *Indian* Corn. The Inhabitants have Abundance of black Cattle, and Hogs; but their principal Article is Tobacco, of which they ſend a great deal to *England*. They have ſeveral good Rivers. Their chief Town is *Annapolis*, which is not large. Unhappily for this Colony, the Felons of *England*, are thought good enough to be incorporated with its Inhabitants. However, the People take all our Manufactures that they have Occaſion for, which they pay in Tobacco, Deer-Skins, and Fur.

Virginia, is the moſt ancient of all the Colonies, and is of great Extent, having about 180 Miles Sea-Coaſt; and its Extent back in the Country is unbounded. The Soil is extremely good, producing all Sorts of *European*, and *Indian* Corn, in great Abundance; but is moſt famous for Tobacco. As it lies in 37 Degrees it is not ſo cold as the other Northern Colonies, and therefore, as the Farmer is not obliged to procure ſo much Hay for his Cattle in Winter, they have great Stocks of black Cattle. They have very fine Rivers, all well ſupplied with Fiſh, and wild and tame Fowl in prodigious Quantities. The People live in great Plenty, but are not quite ſo Numerous as in ſome other Colonies, becauſe they employ Negroes in the raiſing of their Tobacco. *Williamſburg* is the Capital of the Province, but is not large. Here their Courts are kept and their Governor reſides: Here they alſo have a College, at which the Youth receive their Education. In *New-England* are two Univerſities, *Cambrige* and *Newhaven*, which are very large and elegant Buildings, and have very conſiderable Libraries. No Country is better ſupplied with fine Rivers than *Virginia*; ſo that Ships from *England* go 150 Miles up them to load at the Planter's Door with Tobacco, the Revenue of which Article to the Crown is prodigious; and vaſt Quantities of it are imported to *Britain*, and exported again to other Countries, which we pay in Cloths, Stuffs, Hardware, and every other Manufacture.

North-Carolina lies in about 35 Degrees, is very hot in Summer, and not very cold in Winter. It was granted by King *Charles* II. to General *Monk*, Earl of *Cravan* and *Berkley*, and others, and has been but very indifferently managed. It is a very fruitful Country. Its Produce is *Indian* Corn, Rice, Pulſe, Tobacco, Pitch, Tar, Deer-Skins, Fur, Wax, and Tallow. It contains many Sorts of Timber, the Principal is Pine of ſeveral Kinds. As the Inhabitants have but little Winter, they abound in Cattle and Hogs; of the latter the Woods are full: They fatten themſelves on Cheſnuts, *&c.* ſo that they are no Expence to the Farmer. Their greateſt Diſadvantage is, that they have a dangerous Sand Bar all along their Coaſt; and but one good Harbour for Ships of Burden, which is *Cape Fear*, their principal Town: Next to it is *Edentown*. They have many fine Rivers, navigable a great Way up the Country. The *Engliſh* Goods which they conſume, they take chiefly from *Boſton*, *New-York*, *Philadelphia*, and ſome directly from *London*, for which they pay in Tobacco, Pitch, Tar, Deer Skins, and Fur.

South-Carolina lies in 32 Degrees, is very hot, and has but very little Winter. Its Produce is the ſame with that of *North-Carolina*; but its principal Produce is Rice, with which it ſupplies almoſt all *Europe*; and if the Article of Indigo, which they have lately fallen on, will ſucceed, this will ſoon become one of the richeſt Colonies we have; and we ſhall ſave the vaſt Sums which we pay *France* annually for that Article.

Charles-Town is the Capital of this Province, and is about as big as the City of *Glouceſter*. The Inhabitants are very genteel and polite. All this Country has every neceſſary, and moſt of the Conveniencies of Life. Many fine Rivers, and good Harbours. All the Goods they conſume, they have from *England*, and pay for them in Rice, Pitch, Tar, Deer-Skins, and Fur.

The laſt Colony is *Georgia*. This lies in 29 or 30 Degrees Latitude, and is extremely hot, a poor light Soil, and but thinly inhabited; it was ſettling as our Frontier next to the *Spaniards*; and we had great Hopes of making there great Quantities of Silk. Some has been made, and more might: Its Latitude is proper for it; they abound in Mulberry-Trees, and if they bring this Affair to Perfection, it will be a prodigious Advantage to *England*.

Such is the *Britiſh* Empire in *North-America*; which from *Nova-Scotia* to *Georgia*, is a Tract of 1600 Miles Sea-Coaſt; a Country productive of all the Neceſſaries and Conveniencies of Life; and which already contains a greater Number of People than either the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, *Portugal*, *Spain*, *Denmark*, *Sweden*, or *Pruſſia*, or the Republic of *Holland*. In ſhort, there are but three Powers in *Europe*, which ſurpaſs them in Number, the *German* Empire, *France*, and perhaps *England*. *America* is become the Fountain of our Riches, for with *America* our greateſt Trade is carried on, as appears by *Lloyd's Liſt*; and our Entry Bills at the Cuſtom-Houſe of *London* only, ſhew the great Quantities of our Manufactures which they conſume.

This is the Country, which the *French* have many Years envied us, and which they have been long meditating to make themſelves Maſters of: They are at length come to a Reſolution to attack us, in profound Peace, in one of the beſt of thoſe Colonies, *Virginia*; and in that Part of it which lies on the River *Obio*, to which Country they never pretended before. Every one knows, that the *Engliſh* were the firſt and only *Europeans* who ſettled *Virginia*. The Grants from the Crown to theſe Colonies are bounded Weſt by the *South Seas*: Therefore as far as we can go back, purchaſing our Peace with the Natives, is undoubtedly the Dominions of the Crown of *England*. The *French* however, if they find their Way to the Coaſt of *Virginia*, will eaſily over-run the Provinces, becauſe each Province conſiders itſelf as independent of the Reſt, and the Invaders from *Canada* all act under one Governor; to unite 13 Provinces which fill an Extent of 1600 Miles is not eaſy; *Cato*, on a like Occaſion, ſaid *deltnda eſt Carthago*, and I am informed, that a noble Lord diſtinguiſhed by his political Talents, ſpeaking of the Affairs in *Virginia*, uſed the ſame Words, with a little Alteration, "Canada *muſt be ſubdued*."

BOSTON, *April* 27.

A Few Days ago, a Veſſel arrived at Portſmouth, in 14 Days from Barbados, the Maſter of which reports, that the French had quitted the Neutral Iſlands, and retired to Martineco, where the Inhabitants were under ſtrong Apprehenſions of a Viſit from the Engliſh; and that all the Frenchmen on the Iſland of Barbados were put under Confinement. He alſo ſays, that no Packet was arrived there from England, when he came away.

The Government of Piſcataqua have made an Act for the Emiſſion of One Hundred and Twenty Thouſand Pounds, old Tenor, for carrying on the preſent Expedition. And laſt Week the Honourable Joſeph Newmarch, and Clement March, Eſqrs. two of their Committee, came to Town, and have agreed with an Engraver to ſtrike off that Sum.

May 1. On the Fifteenth of laſt Month divers evil minded Perſons, armed with Guns and Swords, broke into the Dwelling-houſe of one William Race, then living nigh the Town of Sheffield, in the County of Hampſhire, within this Province, and whilſt the ſaid Race was endeavouring to eſcape from his ſaid Houſe, in order to avoid their Rage and Fury, one or more of them fired at the ſaid Race, and wounded him in ſeveral Parts of his Body, by Means of which Wounds he expired immediately. All the Perſons concerned in this barbarous and inhuman Deed have fled from Juſtice. Whereupon,

Laſt Monday his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, at the Deſire of the General Court, was pleaſed to iſſue a Proclamation, promiſing that a Reward of One Hundred Pounds ſhall be paid out of the public Treaſury immediately upon Conviction of any of the Murderers of the ſaid Race, to ſuch Perſon and Perſons as ſhall have informed againſt and diſcovered ſuch Murderer or Murderers.

'Tis ſaid theſe Men belong'd to New-York Government, and that the abovemention'd outrageous Behaviour was occaſioned by ſome Diſputes relating to Lands in Controverſy as to the Boundary Line.

On Saturday laſt his Majeſty's Ship the Mermaid, Captain Shirley, fell down to King Road. And Yeſterday Morning his Majeſty's Ship Syren, Capt. Proby, arrived here from New-York; which, with the Succeſs, Captain Rous, makes three 20 Gun Ships now in this Harbour.

NEWHAVEN, *May* 7.

It is worthy Remark, to obſerve with what Alacrity and Spirit, the Levies raiſing in and for the Colony of Connecticut, inliſt in that Service, on a good Suppoſition, that they ſhall have the Enemies of the Britiſh Conſtitution to encounter with, under their own Officers, and not be left a Sacrifice to either private Pique or public Ambition: Such was the Spirit of the ancient Romans, and ſuch will be always the Spirit of every true Lover of Virtue, Liberty and his Country. This Colony is poor, and has little elſe worthy of public Boaſt: The Deſtruction at Carthagena, ſeems to ſtick in the Minds of moſt in this Government, and frightens them from inliſting in public Service, when they know not what they have to expect: But it is neither Danger nor Difficulty they dread when they are ſatisfied their King calls for them indeed, only for his Honour and the Nation's Good. On ſuch Principles as theſe, we are aſſured the Colony Troops on the preſent Occaſion are now full, and ready to march on a Moment's Warning. This muſt be eſteemed a good Omen of Succeſs, and convince our Enemies, that Engliſh Virtue is not yet entirely rooted out by the Wiles and Effeminacy of France. 'Tis plain it is not the Lucre of their Pay or Reward that tempts them, thoſe being rather leſs than any other Governments: But only what is dear to Engliſhmen. Go on my Countrymen, and proſper.

NEW-YORK, *May* 5.

His Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Eſq; Colonel in his Majeſty's Army, and Governor in Chief of the Maſſachuſets-Bay, as alſo the Honourable ROBERT HUNTER MORRIS, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Pennſylvania, arrived here on Tueſday laſt from the Weſtward. They landed at Whitehall at Half after Noon, under the Diſcharge of the Cannon in Fort-George; and were welcomed aſhore by his Honour Governor DE LANCEY, the Members of his Majeſty's Council, and other of the principal Gentlemen of this City. The City Militia were ordered to muſter on the Occaſion, and the Streets were lined with the Men on their Reſt, while his Excellency and the Gentlemen paſſed on into the Fort, where his Majeſty's, and all the loyal Healths, with Succeſs to the Engliſh American Enterprizes, being firſt drank, they proceeded through the Line ſtill formed by the Militia, to the New-York Arms in the Broad-Way, where an handſome Entertainment was provided for the Purpoſe, and where the aforeſaid Healths were repeated, and went round with great Chearfulneſs and Alacrity. The Militia were diſcharged between Two and Three in the Afternoon; and the ſeveral Governors, we are told, expreſſed great Satisfaction on the Appearance; the Doors, Windows, Balconies and the Tops of the Houſes, being particularly decorated with red Cloaks, &c. added no ſmall Beauty to the ſame, and Diverſion of the Time.

Governor Shirley ſet off on Saturday Evening laſt, for Boſton, being accompanied out of Town by ſundry Gentlemen of Diſtinction.

We are aſſured that the Honourable WILLIAM JOHNSON, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Council of this Province, is, by Colonel Shirley, appointed Major General, and Commander in Chief of the American Forces to be employed in an Expedition to the Northward: As alſo of ſuch Indians as ſhall aſſiſt his Majeſty in the ſame.

Major General Johnſon embarked Yeſterday for Albany; as did likewiſe at the ſame Time, or will embark this Morning, for the ſame Place, Two Hundred of the new raiſed Soldiers.

Yeſterday a Number of Recruits, ſuppoſed to be between 150 and 200, arrived here from New-England, having been raiſed in that Province. It was reported, and feared, a few Days ago, that they had been loſt on their Paſſage.

His Excellency the Hon. JONATHAN BELCHER, Eſq; Governor of New-Jerſey, has iſſued a Proclamation, bearing Date the 24th ult. wherein he ſays, that the Legiſlature of that Province have made Proviſion for the Pay, Cloathing and Subſiſtence of 500 Men, to join the Forces of the other Colonies on the preſent Expedition; and entreats all

all his Majesty's Subjects of that Colony, to enlist under the Command of the Honourable Colonel PETER SCHUYLER, an Officer of known Courage and Experience.

PHILADELPHIA, *May* 8.

Extract of a Letter from London, dated Feb. 22.

"*The general Destination of the Fleet is variously talk'd of: This much, however, is certain, that there is a Squadron to cruize in the Channel, under the Command of Lord Anson and Sir Edward Hawke; and another for America, to be commanded by Admiral Boscawen. This last Appointment will rejoice you all, as he is a Man of universal good Character, both as an Officer and a Gentleman. Two Regiments more are to embark, and Money, Stores, and Ammunition, will not be wanting. The Ministry are in Earnest to save America.*"

Last Week a Court of Oyer and Terminer was held at Lancaster, when the following Persons were tried, convicted, and receiv'd Sentence of Death, viz. George Chambers, for Bestiality; Hugh Davis, for Burglary; and Eve Mary Smidt, for the Murder of her Child.

May 15. *We hear from the Counties of Lancaster, York and Cumberland, that Notice being given there, that Waggons and Carriage Horses were wanting for the Use of the Army, great Numbers were immediately offered, and* 150 *Waggons, laden with Oats, Indian Corn, and other Forage, were dispatched to the Camp in a few Days, and as many more might have been had if wanted, the People offering with great Readiness and Chearfulness, from a Zeal for his Majesty's Service.*

ANNAPOLIS.

Saturday last died, at his Seat in St. Mary's *County, aged upwards of Sixty, the Honourable* GEORGE PLATER, *Esq; who was for many Years one of his Lordship's Council of State, Naval Officer of* Patuxent, *and lately appointed Secretary of this Province; a Gentleman eminent for every social Virtue, which cou'd render him truly valuable: He was, as* HORACE *says,* ad unguem factus Homo. *As his Life was a Pleasure, so was his Death a Grief, to every one that knew him.*

On Friday last Edward Brease *and* John Roberts, *were executed, at* Chester-Town, *pursuant to their Sentence at* Kent *County Assizes, for breaking open and robbing the Store of Capt.* Marsh, *in* February *last.*

From all Parts of the Province, we have the melancholy Account of their being prodigiously burnt up with the Drought.

To be Sold by the Subscribers, at the House of Mr. Charles Wallace, *on Wednesday the Eleventh Day of* June *next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, for Sterling Money, or Bills of Exchange,*

A TRACT of LAND, called *Duvall's Range*, containing about 320 Acres, more or less, belonging to the Estate of *William Peele*, late of *London Town*.

James Mouat,
James Dick,
James Nicholson, } Executors.

SPANISH LIQUORISH, to be Sold by the Pound, at the Subscriber's Shop in *Annapolis*.

Richard Tothill.

For *CORK* directly,

The Brig ENDEAVOUR,
JOHN JONES,
Master,

A prime Sailer, with exceeding good Accommodations for Passengers,

WILL certainly sail from *Annapolis*, by the 10th Day of *June* next, where the Passengers are to come on board. For Passage apply to the said Master, or *William Govane*, Merchant, in *Baltimore-Town*.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *John Weems*, near *Herring-Creek*, taken up as a Stray, a Light Bay Horse, about 13 Hands high, neither branded nor dock'd.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

May 22, 1755.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Annapolis*, this Morning, an Apprentice Lad, named *Thomas Hammond*, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, and has several Ring-Worms on his Face. Had on and took with him, a brown Drugget Coat, a brown Holland Jacket without Sleeves, two Check Shirts, an old grey Jacket, an old Castor Hat, lately cut round the Brim, a Pair of large blue and white Linen Trowsers, and seven Ells of new Osnabrigs.

Whoever takes up the said Apprentice and secures him, so that his Master may get him again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by

1 *John Thompson.*

STRAYED or Stolen from the Subscriber, living at *Benedict*, the Beginning of *November* last, a likely, short, thick, well-set, Roan Mare, about 13 Hands high, branded with two or three Dots upon the left Buttock, she goes a slow Pace, is Ewe necked, has a small Star in her Forehead, and was big with Foal.

Whoever will bring the said Mare (and Colt, if foaled) shall receive Twenty Shillings Reward.

1 *Basil Brooke.*

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Absalom Baker*, in *Baltimore* County, near *Soldier's Delight*, taken up as a Stray, a small Dark Bay Horse, with a Star in his Forehead, and is branded on the near Buttock unintelligibly: He had on a small Bell with two Letters on it.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Hopkins*, in *Frederick* County, near the great Falls of *Patowmack*, taken up as a Stray, a dark colour'd Roan Horse, which has no visible Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd 5/0

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Davis*, over *South* River, at *Beard's* Creek, taken up as a Stray, a Bright Bay Mare, about 11 Hands and a half high, branded on the near Buttock something like this Y, has a hanging Mane, and is dock'd.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd 4/8

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Michael Macquire*, living near *Great Pipe Creek*, taken up as a Stray, a Brown Bay Horse, branded on each Shoulder thus † has a few white Hairs in his Forehead, a Sprig Tail, and is a natural Pacer.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd 5/

THERE is at the Plantation of Mrs. *Anne Greenfield*, in *St. Mary's* County, at *Trent Neck*, taken up as a Stray, a small dark coloured Cow, with a white Face, has some white on one Side of her Head, a white Belly, Part of her Tail white, and is unmarked; since her coming here she has had a Calf. The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd 5/0.

JAMES CHALMERS,
GOLD-SMITH,

LIVING between the Court-House and Dr. *Steuart's*, in *Annapolis*, carries on that Business, where all Gentlemen and Others may depend on having all Sorts of Gold and Silver Work done in the neatest and best Manner, and at the cheapest Rates, by

Their humble Servant,
2 *James Chalmers.*

The said *Chalmers* having hired Negro *London*, a very good COOPER, all Persons who may want any Cooper's Work done, may be assured of being served with Care and Dispatch, and in the best and cheapest Manner.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BALTIMORE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, on board the said Vessel, lying in* West River, *or by* Stephen Steward, *for Sterling or Current Money,*

A PARCEL of healthy INDENTED SERVANTS, consisting chiefly of Tradesmen and Farmers. 2

Robert Wilson.

To be RUN for,

ON Thursday the 29th of this Instant *May*, on the Race-Ground, at *Pig-Point*, the Sum of FIFTEEN POUNDS Current Money, by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, that never won a Prize of Ten Pounds Currency (or the Value thereof at any one Time before); each Horse, &c. to be enter'd with *John Zachariah Allein* the Day before the Race, and to pay Fifteen Shillings Entrance Money, and to carry One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Weight, and to Run Three Heats, and each Heat Three Times round the Poles. X 2

And also to be Run for on Friday the 30th Instant, the Sum of TEN POUNDS Currency; each Horse, &c. to pay Ten Shillings Entrance Money. The winning Horse, &c. the Day before to be excepted; and to Run on the same Terms as above.

Any Disputes arising, to be determined by Gentlemen appointed for that Purpose.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GOOCH, *Capt.* CHEW, *and to be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Store, formerly Mr.* Johnson's, *in* ANNAPOLIS,

VARIETY of *European* and *East India* GOODS, suitable to the Season: Also Superfine SCARLET and BLUE CLOTH, GOLD LACE, GOLD and SILVER VELLUM, SAIL DUCK, *Weston's* best SNUFF, &c. &c. 3

Daniel Wolstenholme.

BY an Act of Assembly, made last *February* Sessions, the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office are directed to give public Notice to all the Debtors to the said Office, to come and pay the Interest due upon their several Bonds, which they think they cannot do more to the Satisfaction of the Public, than by publishing the three subsequent Paragraphs of the aforesaid Act. *Signed* per *Order of the Commissioners,*

Richard Dorsey,
Clerk Paper Currency Office.

"WHEREAS it is apparent that many "and great Sums of Money are and have "a long Time been due for Interest arising on "Loans, made by the Commissioners or Trustees "of the Paper Currency Office;

"*Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same*, That the said Commissioners do, and they are hereby directed and required, forthwith, to give public Notice in the *Maryland* Gazette, that the several and respective Debtors to the said Office, whether for Sums of Money collected upon Funds, or for Interest upon Bonds, or other Securities, do, by the First Day of *June* next, bring, and pay into the said Office, the said several Sums so as aforesaid respectively due. 4

"*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That in Case such Debtors as aforesaid, shall not by the Time aforesaid, bring and pay into the said Office, the said Sums, so as aforesaid collected upon Funds, and due for Interest as aforesaid, the said Commissioners are hereby directed and required, immediately, to proceed to the Recovery of Principal and Interest due on such Bonds, agreeable to the Directions of an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act to prevent Evils arising from the entering up Judgments upon Bonds, commonly called Judgment Bonds, to direct the Manner of issuing Executions on Loan-Office Bonds, and to regulate certain Fees therein mentioned*; and of other Securities, and such Sums of Money as are or shall be collected upon Funds, as aforesaid, according to Law."

N. B. They will attend constantly every Wednesday for that Purpose.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living at *Benedict*, on the 2d of *February* last, an hired *Irish* Servant Man, named *Patrick Smith*, about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, and pretty thick set. He had on when he went away, a black Everlasting Waistcoat, a light Fustian Jacket with white Metal Buttons, a grey Sagathy Coat with blue Lining, a Pair of blue Half-thick Breeches, and a cut Grizzel Wig.

Whoever shall secure the said *Patrick Smith*, or convey him to the Subscriber, shall receive Ten Shillings, besides what the Law allows. paid by

Basil Brooke.

RAN away, on the 21st of *April*, from the Subscriber, living in the Borough of *Lancaster*, an Apprentice Lad, named *William Kenley*, about 15 Years of Age, of a fresh Complexion, and has brown Hair: Had on when he went away, a Felt Hat, half worn Bearskin Coat, green Napt Jacket, Buckskin Breeches, white Shirt, Worsted Stockings, and good Shoes. Whoever takes up and secures said Apprentice, so that his Master may have him again, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by

William Dunlap.

N. B. It is supposed he is sent off by his Father *Daniel Kenley*, Schoolmaster in *Lancaster*, to his Grandfather, ——— *Wells*, in *Baltimore* County, *Maryland*, and is harbour'd by him, or some one of that Family.

JOHN REEVES,
TAYLOR,

GIVES Notice to all his old Customers and Others, that he is removed from his late Shop, and carries on the said Business near the House where Mr. *Hammond*, the late Sheriff, liv'd, where all Gentlemen and Others may depend on being serv'd in the best and cheapest Manner, by *Their humble Servant,*

John Reeves.

N. B. The Subscriber carries on the Business by himself.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Richard Moore*, near *London Town*, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Mare, branded on the off Buttock thus M, about 14 Hands and a half high, has a bob Tail, and has been used to the Draught.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THE Subscriber intending to leave off Tavern-keeping, desires those who are indebted to him, to come and rub out their Scores, which will greatly oblige him.

N. B. He will still live in the same House and take in Gentlemen at private Lodgings, where they shall be well accommodated, by

Their humble Servant,

Charles Wallace.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Store near the Dock in* Annapolis, *at reasonable Rates, wholesale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco,*

GREAT Variety of *European* and *East-India* GOODS, suitable to the SEASON.

John Raitt.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
TAYLOR,

GIVES Notice to all his old Customers, and Others, that he now carries on his Business, at his Shop near the Church, next Door below Mr. *Wallace's*, and above Mr. *Johnson's*, in *Church-Street*, *Annapolis*, where all Gentlemen may depend on being well served, in the neatest, best, and cheapest Manner, as he has extraordinary good Hands; and constant Attendance will be given, by

Their humble Servant,

John Campbell.

RAN away on the 13th of *April* last, from the Subscriber, living near *Bladensburg*, in *Prince George's* County, a Servant Man, named *Nathanael Sherlard* (but may probably change his Name), by Trade a Carpenter and Joiner, a well set, clean limb'd Man, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a swarthy Complexion, has black Eyes, and a sly Look. He has taken many Cloaths with him, both Men and Womens, some new Linen and Money, a Blanket and coarse Sheet, also some Carpenters and Joiners Tools, such as Chizzels, Saws, Broad Axe, a Smoothing Plane, *&c.* and a large Man's Saddle and Bridle; but as no Horse is missing, it is supposed he had some Companion to help him to one.

Whoever apprehends the said Servant, and brings him to the Subscriber, shall receive Four Pistoles Reward, if taken within Forty Miles from Home; if taken at a greater Distance, Five Pistoles Reward; and reasonable Charges, paid by

Andrew Beall.

April 24, 1755.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of *Anne Arundel* County, that (as very little of the County Tax has this Year been paid in Money) they are requested to pay off their Dues by the Tenth of *June* (the Time affix'd by Law) in Tobacco, that the Subscriber may be enabled to pay the Officers and Clergy, in the limitted Time, their respective Demands. And those who do not settle, agreeable to Law, will oblige me to collect in a Way very disagreeable to them and me: But as I cannot pay the Officers and Clergy, except the Public pays me, I must, in Justice to myself, do what the Law directs; which I am in Hopes every Gentleman will prevent, by complying with the Law. Constant Attendance will be given every Wednesday and Thursday at my Office, to settle with all Gentlemen; which will oblige *Their most humble Servant,*

John Raitt, Sheriff
of *Anne Arundel* County.

WHEREAS *Elizabeth*, the Wife of the Subscriber, living near *Manockasy*, hath eloped from him, and may probably run him in Debt: This is therefore to forewarn all Persons against trusting the said *Elizabeth*, on his Account, for he will pay no Debts of her contracting after this 23d Day of *April*, 1755.

Charles Nell.

GAMALIEL BUTLER,

HAVING procured an exceeding good BLOCK-MAKER, from *Philadelphia*, carries on that Business in *Annapolis*, at the Shop lately kept by *Thomas Fleming*; and all Gentlemen who may want Blocks of any Sort, for Shipping, may depend on being served in the best Manner, and at the cheapest Rates. He likewise makes and mends Pumps for Shipping and Wells; and also turns twisted Ballisters and hollow Work.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Houses and Lot late in the Possession of *Thomas King* of this City, Shoemaker, deceased. For further Particulars apply to *Benjamin Welsh.*

RICHARD BRYAN,
PILOT, in *Annapolis*,

WILL Pilot Ships from *Annapolis* into *Patapsco*, or from *Patapsco* to *Annapolis*, at Three Pounds Currency each; and from *Annapolis* to *Sassafras*, *North-East*, or *Susquehanna*, at Five Pounds each, and the same down again. And all Masters and Commanders of Vessels may depend on his Care and Skill, as he has been employ'd in that Business for ten Years past, and never yet met with any Disaster.

P. S. Any Commander who may want Piloting to *Cape-Henry* shall be Piloted thither for seven Pistoles, by

Their humble Servant,

Richard Bryan.

LEFT, some Time ago, in the Store of Mr. *Jacques*, near the Dock, a good GREAT COAT, which is now at the Printing-Office. The Owner of it may have it again, on describing it, and paying the Charge of this Advertisement.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GREYHOUND, *Capt.* ALEX. STEWART, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold, on board the said Ship, by the Subscriber, either by wholesale or retail,*

GERMAN and *Irish* Linens, brown and white Sheeting, Osnabrigs and brown Rolls, Lemons, refin'd Sugar, Cheese, *London* Porter and Ale, in Bottles and Cask, Pickles, *viz.* Capers, Anchovies, Olives, and Catchup, best *Durham* Mustard, and *Weston's* Snuff, Gloves and Mittens of all Sorts, Hats and Bonnets for Ladies, newest Fashion fine Flawse Tippets, *Scotch* Thread of all Sorts, Stocking Breeches and Waistcoats 4 Thread, brown marbl'd and white Thread Stockings, several Sorts of hard Ware, Earthen and Stone Ware little inferior to China, *viz.* white Agate and Tortoise Plates and Dishes, plain, scollop'd and flower'd, hand Basons and Bottles, Fruit Baskets, Salts, Coffee and Chocolate Cups, all Sorts of Milk Pans, Jugs, *&c.* Cordage and Oakam.

James Houston.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Alexandria*, on the 26th of *March* last, an *English* Servant Man, named *James Large*, his Face is a little bruised and black: He had on a dark Claret colour'd Coat, lined with Alopeen, with Metal Buttons, a strip'd Linsey Jacket, the Back and Front Parts, I believe, is of two Sorts, and a dark colour'd Pea working Jacket with Pewter Buttons, a Pair of light colour'd Breeches with Metal Buttons, and has a Hat and Wig. He went off on a small Bay Horse, has a Curb Bridle, and a Saddle but can't describe it.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him and Horse to the Subscriber, shall have a Pistole Reward, if taken in the County, if taken out of the County Two Pistoles, beside what the Law allows, paid by

John Dalton.

LENT, but forgot to whom, one of the Bodies of Laws of this Province. On the Title Page is wrote *Robert Gordon*. Whoever has got it, is desired to return it to the Printer hereof.

February 27, 1755.

ALL Persons indebted to *Richard Gildart*, Esq; and Sons, of *Liverpool*, Merchants, for Dealings with their several Factors within this Province, are desired to settle their respective Accounts with, and pay the Ballances due to, the Subscriber, now Agent to the said Company, at *Oxford*, before the first Day of *July* next, otherwise they may expect to be dealt with, for Recovery thereof, as the Laws, in that Case made and provided, direct: And all Persons who have any Demands on the said Company, are desired, in that Time, to apply for Payment to

Thomas Brereton.

By whom is to be Sold, at *Oxford*, a large Assortment of *European* GOODS, on reasonable Terms.

Baltimore County, *January* 25, 1755.

BROKE out of the County Goal, last Night, at *Joppa*, *John Tucker*, a Ship-Carpenter, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has lost some of his fore Teeth, he bends forward when walking, and is about 45 Years of Age.

Whoever apprehends the said *Tucker*, and brings him to my Goal, shall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, if taken in the County; if taken out of the County, FIVE PISTOLES Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by

William Young, Sheriff.

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